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SECURITY POSSIBLE DISCUSSION TOPIC WITH PRESIDENT

SUMMARY: IN A STUDY OF INCREASING WARSAW PACT EXERCISES IN THE BALTIC AND AROUND GREENLAND, A COPENHAGEN DAILY SUGGESTED THAT THIS THREAT TO DENMARK AND NATO MAY BE DISCUSSED BY PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN AND THE PRESIDENT TODAY (NOV 13) IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

1. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST IS THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE ENTITLED "NEW MILITARY ENCIRCLEMENT OF DENMARK" WHICH APPEARED IN THE NOV 13 EDITION OF KRISTELIGT DAGBLAD (CHURCH ORIENTED): "IT IS RUMORED THAT THE SECURITY IN THE BALTIC AND AROUND GREENLAND IS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

"DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS THE NAVAL EXERCISE AREA OF THE WARSAW PACT HAS MOVED FURTHER AND FURTHER TOWARDS THE WEST. FROM THE WATERS AT DAGONEAR, ON THE COAST OF LATVIA, THE AREA HAS SLOWLY MOVED TO RUEGEN. TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT OPERATE DURING EXERCISES IN THE SAME AREA. WHEN RUEGEN HAS BEEN PASSED, THE AIRCRAFT

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GO TOWARDS THE NORTH AND ALONG THE SWEDISH COAST BACK

TO AIR BASES IN EASTERN POLAND AND IN LATVIA. POLISH NAVAL SHIPS AND AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS FROM EAST GERMANY REGULARLY CIRCUMNAVIGATE BORNHOLM AND THE ZEALAND GROUP OF ISLANDS.

"IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE CRUISES ARE NAVIGATION EXERCISES, WHICH HAVE BECOME PART OF THE NORMAL PATTERN. THERE IS NO DENYING THE FACT THAT THE PATTERN MAY ALSO INDICATE DEPLOYMENT OR AN ATTEMPT AT ENCIRCLEMENT.

"IT HAS ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED THAT TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATE IN AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISES AT RUEGEN AND THEN GO TOWARDS THE NORTH. BEFORE THE AIRCRAFT REACH THE ENTRANCE TO THE SOUND BETWEEN TRELLEBORG AND MOEN, THE AIRCRAFT FLY EASTWARDS AGAIN AND RETURN TO HOME BASE. ON THEIR WAY THEY ATTEMPT TO ELECTRONICALLY TEST DANISH RADAR STATIONS, AND PRESUMABLY ALSO SWEDISH STATIONS.

"A FEW YEARS AGO THERE WERE MONTHS BETWEEN THESE EXERCISES; NOW THEY ARE CONDUCTED AT INTERVALS OF A FEW WEEKS. THIS CHANGE TO THE PATTERN ALSO CALLED FOR DANISH VIGILANCE.

"FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER WARSAW PACT NAVAL UNITS ARE PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN AALBAEK BAY OFF FREDERIKSHAVN AND THERE ARE ALSO NAVAL UNITS IN TANNIS BAY ON THE WEST COAST OF JUTLAND WHICH COOPERATE WITH OTHER UNITS OFF THE SHORES OF NORWAY. DURING THE SAME PERIOD MAJOR NAVAL SHIPS MOVE FROM BALTIC INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TO JOIN THE SHIPS COMING FROM THE ARCTIC SEA.

"THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THERE ARE NAVAL SHIPS FROM THE WARSAW COUNTRIES AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE SOUND SOUTH OF TRELLEBORG AND NEAR MOEN. A NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR HAS BEEN THE OBSERVATION OF NAVAL SHIPS AT FEHMERN SO THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY AREAS THAT ARE NOT UNDER EAST BLOC SURVEILLANCE.

"THE DANISH SOUND AND BELTS, AND THE KATTEGAT, ARE TOO SHALLOW FOR THE SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYMENT OF HYDROPHONES. A HYDROPHONE IS A DEVICE THAT IS PLACED ON THE SEABED. IT REGISTERS IF AN ATOMIC SUBMARINE MOVES ACROSS IT. IT CAN THEN EITHER TRANS-

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MIT TO A COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE OR A SHORE RECEIVER, OR IT MAY MAKE TAPE REGISTRATIONS WHICH THEN HAVE TO BE PICKED UP LATER.

"HYDROPHONES HAVE BEEN FOUND AT GREAT DEPTHS OFF THE EAST COAST OF THE US AND ALONG A LINE FROM STAVANGER, THE FAROE ISLANDS, ICELAND TO THE SOUTHERN TIP OF GREENLAND, BUT NOT YET IN DANISH WATERS. AT INTERVALS SOVIET ATOMIC SUBMARINES GO THROUGH THE

GREAT BELT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE WATER DEPTH AND THE CONSIDERABLE CROSS TRAFFIC THEIR PASSAGES CANNOT TAKE PLACE SUBMERGED. IT MUST ALSO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THAT BOTH THE GREAT BELT AND THE SOUND ARE INTERNATIONAL WATERS WHERE SHIPS' MOVEMENTS CANNOT BE RESTRICTED.

"THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF DENMARK IS CARRIED OUT AT SEA AND IN THE AIR. RECENTLY MAJOR MILITARY BARRACKS AREAS HAVE ALSO MOVED TOWARDS THE WEST AND CLOSER TO THE EAST-WEST GERMAN BORDER LINES.

"THE MANY NAVAL AND AIR EXERCISES BRING ABOUT SPECULATION ABOUT THE LENGTH OF A WARNING KPERIOD. HISTORY HAS SHWON THAT MANY ATTACKS BEGAN DURING A MAJOR EXERCISE. THEREFORE, THE POSSIBILITIES OF TACTICAL WARNING HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY THE INCREASED TRANSPORT CAPACITY OF THE WARSAW PACT AND THROUGH THE INCREASED EXERCISE AND PATROL ACTIVITY NEAR DANISH TERRITORY.

"IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE WAY THE PICTURE LOOKS, IT IS GOOD TO OBSERVE THAT OUR ALLIES ALSO DO SOMETHING. A SHORT WHILE AGO TWO BRIGADES FROM THE SEVENTH AMERICAN AMRY IN SOUTHERN GERMANY MOVED TOWARDS THE NORTH TO REINFORCE THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ALLIED COMMAND, CENTRAL EUROPE. THE AMERICAN NAVY HAS CONDUCTED EXERCISES IN THE BALTIC AND LAST WEEK APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY FIGHTERS WERE OPERATIONAL FROM THE AMERICAN AIRCRAFT CARRIER, THE INDEPENDENCE, IN THE NORTH SEA TO SHOW THAT EVEN IF DANISH OR WEST GERMAN AIR BASES HAD BEEN DESTROYED, NATO WOULD NEVERTHELESS HAVE SUPERIORITY IN THE AIR.

"NEXT WEEK FOUR CANADIAN AIRCRAFT WILL ARRIVE AT AIR STATION SKRDYSTRUP AFTER HAVING FLOWN ACROSS THE ATLANTIC WITH REFUELING IN THE AIR.

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THEY ARE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTER TYPE AND WILL TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE PROGRAM OF THE DANISH AIR FORCE.

"MAYBE IT IS PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN'S INTENTION TO HAVE THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF DENMARK RELIEVED THROUGH HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON, BUT AT ANY RATE IT MUST BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE FOLKETING DEFENSE COMMITTEE".

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